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Maybe Dulles Needs Pink Slip in His Pay

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If you goof on the job too often, what happens? Comes pay day, you get the pink slip of dismissal. That doesn't always happen in higher echelons of government, which may be one of the things wrong with government.

Take the case of Allan Dulles, and the Central Intelligence Agency, as a case in point. The CIA is one of the most powerful agencies in Washington, and one of the most important, because if it erred in its estimate of a vital situation, America's goose would be cooked.

Let us . . . as "Brown Derby Al" Smith used to say . . . look at the recent record.

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THE TRAGEDY of the Bay of Pigs was one of the most colossal blunders in American history. Though the Pentagon and President Kennedy, himself, must share the blame, the concept of the invasion was based on what intelligence experts guessed to be the attitude of the Cuban people toward Castro.

There was the U-2 incident, when a shaky brain in the CIA approved the plane's flight over Russia a few days before the Eisenhower-Khrushchev summit meeting that never came off.

Commando raids on the Chinese mainland from Quemoy brought accelerated artillery bombardment of that island, and stirred thoughts of war in Mao's crafty mind . . . Shipping Chiang Kai-shek "freedom fighters" to Burma was approved. About all those fellows did was get rich growing opium . . . Three hundred million dollars was poured into Laos which created fantastic inflation. We backed Gen. Phoumi Nosavan, whom the Laotians didn't like, so we were blamed for that, as well as inflation.

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ALL THIS counts up to a formidable collection of mistakes. Each was based on information, and in some cases, the advice of the Central Intelligence Agency. The body has fine accomplishments to its credit . . . but when so many boobies noted crop up, how does it happen that Dulles still rides high in the CIA saddle?